

**Regular Meeting
August 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Lauren Glover, Rusty Mauldin, Chris McCurry, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Heather Biddy, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson.

District personnel present: Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Mitzi Neely, Courtney Braddock, Officer Blake McLendon, Jay Patrick, Lynn Phillips, Rebecca Pearl, Amber Hitchcock, Anisa Jones, and Dr. Troy Tatum. Others present included Hugh Lewis from the Jimplecute.

Ms. Johnson gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith-Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was no one present for the Public Hearing agenda item regarding the proposed 2026-2027 budget and tax rates. Rebecca Pearl explained that the district will be adopting a deficit budget. She also explained that the proposed tax rate will be a tax increase in maintenance and operations to generate more tax revenue in the 2026-2027 school year.

During the Budget Discussion agenda item, Ms. Pearl provided information regarding the proposed 26-27 budget and pointed out details of each function that were to be approved. The proposed budget is a \$500,000 deficit in the general fund, and a balanced budget in food service and debt service.

Motion by Mr. Romano, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the proposed 26-27 budget, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Walker recommended approval of resolution setting an M&O tax rate of 0.7054 cents, which is higher than last year's rate. He also recommended an I&S rate of 0.024 for old debt payments. Therefore, he recommended an overall tax rate of 0.7294 to support the adopted 26-27 budget, which is a higher tax rate than last year's overall rate. Motion by Mr. Romano to approve the resolution of setting an ad valorem tax rate of 0.7294 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation for tax year 2026, consisting of a maintenance and operations tax rate of 0.7054 and an interest and sinking rate of 0.024. The maintenance and operations tax rate is subject to approval by the voters at the November 3, 2026, Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election. Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Glover. Motion carried, 7-0.

Next on the agenda was an adoption of an order calling a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) to authorize the adoption of an additional maintenance and operations tax rate. Motion by Mr. Romano to order the election. Motion seconded by Mr. McCurry, motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve a good cause and exception for the guardian program. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Officer Blake McLendon spoke to the board about the need for a memorandum of understanding with Texas Department of Transportation giving him the authority to be the liaison between JISD and TxDOT for the Flock Camera system. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the MOU as presented. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Glover made a motion to approve the student code of conduct as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Johnson, motion carried 7-0.

Next on the agenda was a report from Dr. Lynn Phillips and Ms. Mitzi Neely on STAAR test scores. There was tremendous growth throughout the district, and they were very pleased with the results. They talked about what they will keep implementing for this year and what extra they plan to implement to keep progress going. There was no need for action on this item.

Following an explanation from Ms. Pearl regarding the necessary budget amendments, including food service overages, function adjustments, and TRS On-Behalf, a motion was made by Mr. Romano, seconded by Ms. Johnson, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

The board entered executive session at 7:23 to discuss security and personnel matters.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:48.

There were no personnel needs.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature